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The Honorable Roswell Gilpatric  
Deputy Secretary of Defense  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ros:

A few days ago you kindly sent me your memorandum of 5 July to the Service Secretaries, the JCS, and others, with regard to the establishment of a Defense Intelligence Agency.

I have read this with great interest, and wish to assure you that we here find no basic problem in the coordination of our work with the proposed new DIA. In this connection, I noted what you had to say in your recent press conference on this subject.

I enclose a memorandum which deals with one or two points in your proposed Directive. It only suggests one rather minor change, and raises one or two questions for your consideration.

Faithfully yours,

Hon. W. Dulles  
Director

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Comments on Draft DoD Directive for a Defense Intelligence Agency

1. By far the greater part of this Directive concerns DoD arrangements which only indirectly affect the responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence. There are, however, some provisions which have a direct and immediate impact on the U. S. Intelligence Board and CIA responsibilities. Comments in this memorandum are confined to the latter.

2. Paragraph IV A bears directly on the production of U.S. National Intelligence Estimates but does not clearly provide for contributions to those estimates. It would seem preferable for the paragraph to be reworded as follows:

Develop and produce all DoD intelligence estimates and DoD information and contributions to National Estimates for the U. S. Intelligence Board. Such estimates and contributions may indicate differences in analysis and evaluation.

The second and final sentence of this same paragraph seems to indicate that if experts in the DIA cannot arrive at an agreed single estimate on

a military matter (such as is now the case with the service estimates respecting Soviet ICBM capabilities--present and future) the DIA contribution will indicate not merely differences in conclusion, but will also indicate how these differences are to be accounted for by variations in major premises, assumptions, evaluations of intelligence data, and methods of analysis. We believe that this is of great importance for the production of our National Estimates.

3. Paragraph IV G reads "Establish and maintain the DoD Indications Center." Is it necessary and desirable to establish and maintain two integrated Indications Centers in the Pentagon? There is now the National Indications Center manned by the Services, the State Department, and CIA. Would it not be desirable to have one integrated national center, staffed and equipped to provide the necessary support for the DoD and the Intelligence Community?

4. Paragraph IV M. This provision makes the Director, DIA, one of the Defense Department representatives on the USIB. This implies that there will be others from the DoD which is, of course, quite acceptable. So long as the Directive does not freeze the situation of DoD membership on USIB, this is a point which can be worked out after the Directive is issued.